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Party Goes to Wilds of Patagonia and are Placed Under Arrest By Authorities

**FILIBUSTERING SUSPECTED**

Circumstances are Laid Before Secretary of State May who will Investigate the Case

Chicago, August 21.—The Tribune today says:

Six men who sailed away from Chicago a year ago in search of a gold mine in the wilds of Patagonia are under arrest at Turke Island in the West Indies suspected of filibustering. Their arrest and the identity of their schooner, Mercury, has been laid before the Secretary of State.

Charles Corrigan, a Texas cowboy came to Chicago last fall, watched lake sailors for a month and then took five men into his confidence. Corrigan said he had a map showing the location of a gold mine revealing that of King Solomon. His story was that its discoverer had been driven out by the natives, and when he died on a ranch he gave the drawings to Corrigan. The Mercury sailed for New Orleans

In October, it was to cross the Gulf of Mexico and cruise along the coast of South America to Patagonia. Charles Hardin was the master and owner, according to the ship's papers, and Emil Von Baroucke was first mate. When the Mercury crept into the harbor at Turke Island the American and British consuls discovered many suspicious circumstances. The schooner had papers from Chicago but could not account for the time which had elapsed since they had been taken out. Hardin was no longer master. The vessel was held until the business of its owners could be investigated.

**GOOD ROADS DEMANDED**

Here is an example of the unconquerable American grit. It comes from the Rainier Gazette, immediately following defeat in a contest for the county seat. "Our columns of late have been much occupied with county seat election news but now we are free to take up a subject of vastly greater importance to the whole county. We want and we must have and we mean to have more roads and better roads!"

"The Romans became powerful because they recognized the benefits of a fine, not the best built roads the world has ever seen. From a military standpoint these were a necessity, in order to move battalions quickly over occupied countries. From a commercial view we need only look at the roads they built in France and England, which were of such solid construction as to last in some cases until this day; and all these splendid roads led to Rome as the saying goes. Let our slogan be that all Columbia county roads should lead to Rainier, the true commercial center of this county."

"If a city has a genuine desire to become the center of trade, and is situated upon water and rail lines, it must not be content with these, but must extend its zone from which it gathers trade, by the construction of good roads. The authorities state that a road between two points should be as short as possible, but straightness must often be sacrificed to secure good gradients and these should be as easy as practicable, having regard to the topography, and it is also desirable that a ruling gradient be adopted and have none steeper, so a man may know what he has to contend with on any county road. True, we have a very hilly coun-

try to build it, but Rainier people must awaken now and act together in a matter of such vital importance. Why not have a business men's push club to agitate and plan for good roads into the country until we get them? We ought to try to get a good trunk line road from here first and build it well as it goes. Certainly, we know it takes money, but it cannot be spent better, and unless spent we shall always be just behind the times.

"As fast as the timber goes off we should see herds of stock going in and splendid dairy farms and orchards springing into existence on every hand. People will come here and do this and make an immensely wealthy county if we can show them some good roads, and thus we insure a solid, prosperous future."

"Do not read this and wait for some body else to move first, but speak up and say you may be counted upon and authorize a meeting to be called right away, and we will all pull together."

**IN HANDS OF RECEIVER**

Chicago, Aug. 21.—Gifford, Mable & Co., a corporation doing a mail order business at 90 West Madison street, has gone into the hands of a receiver. E. Gifford Mable, the president of the concern, has been at his office since last Friday. Eastern creditors filed a petition for a receiver before Judge Kohlstedt, who appointed the Royal Trust Company to take charge of the affairs. The liabilities will reach nearly \$60,000, it is said, while the assets of the company will hardly exceed \$5,000.

**DEMURRER IS OVERRULED**

San Francisco, Aug. 21.—In the proceedings in the superior court to have the Kippinger concern known as the Pacific Coast Warehouse Company declared insolvent, Judge Murasky has overruled the demurrer to the complaint of the creditors and held that the superior court had jurisdiction. This decides the contention of the defendant company's attorneys that the national bankruptcy act superseded the state insolvency laws and that the superior court had no powers in the premises. The effect of this ruling based upon a decision of the supreme court of this state, will be to force the company into bankruptcy.

**STATESMEN ARE NEEDED**

New York, August 21.—Reports from Hungary regarding the political situation, says the Vienna correspondent of the Times, cabling by way of London, are tinged with pessimism. It is freely asserted that Emperor Francis Joseph may have to return to Vienna to receive King Edward before much progress has been made toward a settlement of the crisis. There are some indications, adds the correspondent, that no military concessions will be made to the Hungarians. If so the crisis may be prolonged for want of a statesman ready to take office.

**GRAND OPERA SEASON**

New York, Aug. 21.—The season of grand opera and ballet at the Metropolitan opera house will begin November 3 and will extend over 15 weeks. This will be followed by an out of town season in Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati and Pittsburgh of five weeks. The chief novelty which the management hopes to produce is Wagner's "Parsifal" in German.

**HICKS WILL REMAIN**

New York, Aug. 21.—Justice Spencer of the supreme court, sitting at Johnston, N. Y., has handed down a decision by which Wallace Hicks, the negro jockey, will be permitted to remain in the East to fulfill his contract with Perry Belmont. Hicks, who was placed under arrest at midnight recently at Saratoga, by the men who seek to break his lease to the Eastern owners, told the justice that he was perfectly satisfied with his treatment here and did not wish to return to his former employers, one of whom was ruled off the turf last winter at New Orleans.

**THOUGHT IT WAS EARTHQUAKE**

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Aug. 21.—A cave-in, which swept down into the mine thousands of tons of culm, has occurred at the mining town of Duryea, near here. Residents thought it was an earthquake. The cave-in was over the old workings of the Halstead mine which has not been operated since the strike and there is a hole 75x50 feet.

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